

PROCLAMATION JUNETEENTH

June 19th, 2022

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation went into effect, declaring 3.5 million enslaved African Americans in Confederate states to be free; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, two and a half years after Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, Major General Gordon Granger led Union Soldiers into Galveston, Texas to bring news that the Civil War had ended and to read General Order #3 which stated that all enslaved African American people were free and entitled to absolute equality of personal and property rights; and

WHEREAS, following his statement, June 19 (Juneteenth) became the emancipation date of those long deprived of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the strength and courage of African Americans, the contributions of African Americans to the building of American institutions, wealth and innovations, and their ultimate triumph over extreme adversity; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a time for reflection and rejoicing, it is also a time for assessment of progress still needed, and

WHEREAS, the Story County Board of Supervisors acknowledges this shared history and commits itself to the principles of equity and justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, We, the Story County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim June 19th, 2022 as JUNETEENTH in Story County, Iowa and urge all citizens to recognize this day, participate in dialogue with one another about its significance and collectively help further the promise of freedom and equality for all.

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